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1. This cable is U.S. Embassy Cotonou's response to the questions posed reftel.

2. Benin is a recipient of U.S. foreign assistance and is receiving funding in FY09.

3. The National Assembly approves the budget in December. It is published by the government and delivered to ministries. At the same time, the budget is published in major newspapers.

4. The budget estimates both revenues and expenditures.

5. The budget accurately reflects the government's intentions and in case of shortfall, additional finding is requested and must be approved by the National Assembly.

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